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TAGS: EFIN, GH

SUBJ: UNION CARBIDE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOG

1. UNION CARBIDE (MARES) INFORMED DEPT MAY 29 UNION CAR-
BIDE HAD RECEIVED REPORT SAME DAY VIA LONDON THAT DOUGAN
OF BANK OF GHANA TOLD STANDARD BANK REPRESENTATIVE ACCRA
GOG INTENDS SUSPEND ALL AFRICAN MANGANESE SHIPMENTS AND
TO MAKE PUBLIC ITS CHARGES OF UNDERINVOICING. AGAINST THIS
BACKGROUND, MARES HAS ASKED THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
MARES AND O' MARA BE CABLED TO AMBASSADOR HADSEL AND
BARTLETT.

2. QUOTE: BARTLETT PLEASE ADVISE HADSEL OF RECENT DEVELOP-
MENTS INCLUDING OUR UNDERSTANDING OBTAINED TUESDAY AFTER-
NOON FROM LAWN OF GHANA' S CONTEMPLATED ACTION.

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3. IF HADSEL, BARTLETT, AND QUASHIE- IDUN AGREE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EITHER HADSEL OR BARTLETT, PREFERABLY HADSEL, CONTACTING APPIAH OR A DIFFERENT GOG OFFICIAL, IF HADSEL AND BARTLETT FEEL THAT ANOTHER GHANAIAAN PREFERABLE, AND, WITHOUT PRESENTING AN OVERLY DEFENSIVE POSTURE, STATE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CONTEMPLATED ACTION. GOG OFFICIAL SHOULD BE ADVISED ALSO OF OUR CONCERN THAT SUCH PUBLIC ACTION WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION BETWEEN PARTIES WILL CAUSE POSITIONS TO HARDEN AND THE MATTER TO BE PROLONGED TO THE DETRIMENT OF BOTH PARTIES. GOG OFFICIAL

ALSO SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT NEW YORK NEGOTIATORS ARE PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO GHANA PROMPTLY TO DISCUSS AND HOPEFULLY RESOLVE ALL MATTERS.

4. IF DESIRABLE, O' MARA IS WILLING TO TRAVEL TO ACCRA TO MEET WITH COLONEL ACHEAMPONG TO DISCUSS ADVANTAGES TO GHANA AND UNION CARBIDE OF EARLY AMICABLE SETTLEMENT. REGARDS. MARES AND O' MARA UNQUOTE.

5. DEPT REALIZES INTELLIGENCE TO WHICH UNION CARBIDE REACTING CONFLICTS WITH ASSURANCES RECENTLY GIVEN AMBASSADOR BY ACHEAMPONG WHEN LATTER SAID HE WISHES AVOID COMPLICATIONS PRESS ATTENTION TO GOG CHARGES COULD POSE FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS. DEPT SUGGESTS CAREFUL APPRAISAL WITH BARTLETT OF RELIABILITY UNION CARBIDE' S SOURCES, FOLLOWED BY WHATEVER, IF ANY, EMBASSY APPROACHES TO GOG EMBASSY BELIEVES ARE INDICATED BY CIRCUMSTANCES AND LIKELY BE HELPFUL.

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